



## H.RES. 1335 – CELEBRATING THE 120-YEAR PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND STATE VETERANS' HOMES

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### FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1335 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Paul Hodes (D-NH) on July 10, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, but was never considered.

H.Res. 1335 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on September 15, 2008.

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### SUMMARY

H.Res. 1335 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Commends the extraordinary contributions of those who have served in the Armed Forces of the Nation;
- Recognizes that the Nation has an affirmative duty to care for the men and women of the Armed Forces who have served their country faithfully;
- Recognizes the efforts made by the National Association of State Veterans Homes to aid the States in providing veterans with high-quality care; and
- Commends the efforts made by State veterans' homes for the past 120 years in ensuring that the honorable veterans of the Armed Forces of this Nation receive the highest quality of care worthy of the great sacrifices they have made.

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### BACKGROUND

Following the Civil War, many veteran soldiers were no longer capable of supporting themselves financially or physically. In response to the needs of these veterans, many individual States established veterans care homes. The first State veterans home was established in Rocky Hill, Connecticut, in 1864.

The Federal government first authorized financial aid to State run veterans homes on August 7, 1888. This year marks the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Federal government providing financial aid to States that had established State veterans homes. The National Association of State Veterans Homes was established in 1952 as a means for State veterans homes to communicate and promote national interest in veterans care legislation in a unified and organized way.

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